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AMEMBASSY PANAMA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 2168

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OASGA

SUBJECT: OAS SEC GEN CANDIDACY GOMEZ BERGES

1. UNDER SECRETARY PADILLA TONOS ASKED ME TO DROP BY THIS MORNING. HE SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN AT LENGTH LAST NIGHT WITH FON SEC GOMEZ BERGES WHO HAD ASKED HIM TO PASS ON TO ME INFORMALLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY HIS PREOCCUPATION OVER PROBABLE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND PANAMA REGARDING PANAMA'S SPONSORSHIP OF AMB. ORFILA'S CANDIDACY IN EXCHANGE FOR ARGENTINA CEDING ITS VIRTUALLY SECURE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE UNSC, IF ORFILA WON. IN GOMEZ' VIEW, ACCORDING TO PADILLA, PANAMA CHAIRMANSHIP OF UNSC WOULD NOT BE IN US INTEREST AND THEREFORE USG SHOULD CONSIDER CASTING VOTE IN FAVOR GOMEZ AS MEANS PREVENTING ORFILA VICTORY AND CONSEQUENT PANAMA CHAIRMANSHIP.

2. I LIMITED MY RESPONSE TO UNDERTAKING TO INFORM DEPT, STRESSING INFORMALITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF GODR DEMARCHE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS OBVIOUSLY LAST MINUTE DOMINICAN ATTEMPT TO SWAY USG VOTE. DEPT WILL RECALL AS DO I VIVIDLY, HOWEVER, THAT LAST TIME PANAMA HAD UNSC CHAIRMANSHIP GOP SUCCEEDED HOLDING UNSC MEETING IN PANAMA UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT BROUGHT US NO COMFORT.

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